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Innovation Fund
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes an innovation f und f or secondary education and if so, the details thereof ;
(b) the number of States which have the most number of educationally backward blocks in the country; and
(c) the number of educationally backward blocks benefited from the said funds so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) In the Budget for the year 2017-18, an Innovation Fund for Secondary Education has been created to encourage local innovation for ensuring universal access, gender parity and quality improvement, including ICT enabled learning transformation. The focus will be on 3479 Educationally Backward Blocks.
(b) The State wise detail of the Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) is at Annexure- I.
(c) Under the Innovation fund for Secondary Education, the States/UTs would be required to submit proposals after working out the innovative projects aiming to enhance access, bring gender parity, improvement in quality or enhance learning outcomes of the students in the Educationally Backward Blocks. So far, no grant has been released to the States/UTs under the Innovation Fund.
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